

CHAPTER XI.

HISTORY OF CONCORD FROM 1795 TO 1805.

IN March, 1795, *three* collectors were appointed, one for each section of the town, viz. : south, west and east. Hanes Farnum agreed to collect for $3\frac{3}{4}d.$, John Batchelder, jr., $4\frac{1}{2}d.$, and Ebenezer Eastman, for $4\frac{1}{2}d.$ In 1796 forty dollars were appropriated to fence the burying ground, and to purchase a pall ; and Capt. Reuben Kimball was appointed agent to finish the Town House. The SINGING SOCIETY, formed about this time, was allowed the use of the Town House to sing in — provided “they leave the house in as good repair as it is when they go into the house.” In 1797, £150 were raised to supply the school — the largest sum ever raised for that purpose.

RESIGNATION OF REV. MR. EVANS.

April 21, 1797, Rev. Mr. Evans in a written communication signified “his intention of resigning to the town their pulpit, and of finishing his work of the ministry in this place, on the first of July next.” The resignation of Mr. Evans was accepted, and he was regularly dismissed, July 5th, by an Ecclesiastical Council, composed of the “Elders and Delegates of the neighboring churches, viz., Gilmanton, Sanbornton, Atkinson, Amherst, Canterbury, Loudon and Pembroke. In their result, after recapitulating the facts in the case, the council voted, unanimously, “that in the opinion of the council it is expedient that the pastoral relations between Mr. Evans and the church and people

in this place, should be dissolved, and accordingly it is dissolved. As no charges have been exhibited against the ministerial or Christian character of Mr. Evans, we recommend him to the churches, and to the work of the ministry, wherever God in his providence may open a door, and wish him divine assistance and success."

After his dismissal Rev. Mr. Evans continued to reside in town—living in the house which he owned, where the Hon. Samuel Morril now lives—until his death, March 9, 1807, in the sixtieth year of his age.*

Soon after the dismissal of Rev. Mr. Evans, Mr. ASA MCFARLAND, who had become favorably known to the people of Concord as a teacher of music, and who had been two years a tutor in Dartmouth College, was employed to preach as a candidate. On the 28th of December the town voted "to give Mr. Asa McFarland a call to settle in the ministry in this town;" "to give him three hundred and fifty dollars salary yearly, and the use of all the improved land belonging to the parsonage right, and liberty to cut wood and timber on the out lands, as much as he may want for his own use during his carrying on the work of the ministry in this town." Jacob Abbot, Esq., Capt. Joshua Abbot, Timothy Walker, Esq., Capt. Jonathan Eastman, and John Bradley, Esq., were appointed a committee to wait on Mr. McFarland with the votes.

The call from the church, which preceded that from the town, was unanimous: but to the latter the following persons entered their dissent to Mr. McFarland's salary, January 4, 1798, viz.: Jeremiah Wheeler, Asa Graham, Robert Ambrose, Jonathan Ambrose, Oliver Flanders, Philbrick Bradley, John Hoit, John Hoit, jr., Jacob Hoit, Chandler Lovejoy, John Lovejoy, Ebenezer Lovejoy, Samuel Goodwin, Edward Philbrick, John Dimond, Reuben Dimond, Jonathan Virgin, Moses Gale, Timothy Bradley, Stilson Eastman, Eliphalet Tucker, Joseph Eastman.

Most of the above named individuals afterwards became not only the supporters of Rev. Mr. McFarland, by paying their annual tax for his salary, but also were personal friends, and some of them members of his church.

* See Result of Council, Town Records, 1797, p. 229, and Biographical Notice of Rev. Mr. Evans.

Mr. McFarland gave an affirmative answer to the call, and was ordained March 7, 1798.* A committee of five was appointed to superintend the services, viz. : Capt. Richard Ayer, James Walker, Jonathan Eastman, Jacob Carter and John Batchelder — “with power to make provision for the Council and Delegates that may attend — at the expense of the town.”

The ordination of Mr. McFarland was an occasion of great interest. Tradition assures us that people came together from neighboring towns, at the distance of twenty miles and more ; that near and around the meeting-house were *stands*, for the sale of refreshments, and among other necessary articles, *spirituous liquors*. The procession of the ordaining council, from the town-house to the meeting-house, was attended by a band of music ; and, to crown the *solemnity* of the occasion, there was a splendid ball in the evening, at Stickney’s celebrated tavern!†

Just before the settlement of Mr. McFarland the town voted, “that those persons who drive sleighs on Sunday be desired to keep on the east side of the street.” At this period there were no side-walks, and travelling on foot was especially inconvenient in the winter.

It was Dr. McFarland’s custom, during the greater part of his

* *To the Church and People of Concord.*

BRETHREN — As I have received your invitation to settle among you as your minister, it is expedient that I should make known to you the result of my deliberations on that important subject. You are sensible that this is a subject of magnitude, both as it respects you, and as it respects myself. It is a subject which involves the interest of religion, so far as the influence of this transaction shall extend. It is, then, a subject which requires a sober and prayerful deliberation. It would be unnecessary for me to relate to you the anxiety with which my mind has labored, in view of my own inability, and the weight of that object which your invitation involves : and it has been my prayer to God, that he would direct me to those things which will be for the interest of religion. After deliberating respecting the importance of the object, and my own duty, I have thought fit to comply with your invitation, and do therefore comply with it — Praying that God would crown these, our determinations, with his blessing — that he would make me an instrument to promote your spiritual happiness — that he would build us up in faith and love, and finally present us faultless before his throne with exceeding joy, to whom be glory forever, Amen.

ASA MCFARLAND.

Concord, January 27, 1798.

The Churches invited to form the ordaining Council were “that at Dartmouth College, Sanbornton, Gilmanton, Loudon, Canterbury, Chichester, Pembroke, Atkinson, Chester and Hopkinton.” The clergymen who officiated were Rev. Stephen Peabody, of Atkinson ; Rev. John Smith, of Dartmouth College, who preached the sermon ; Rev. Joseph Woodman, of Sanbornton ; Rev. Zaccheus Colby, of Pembroke ; Rev. Frederick Parker, of Canterbury ; Rev. Jedediah Tucker, of Loudon, and Rev. Josiah Carpenter, of Chichester.

† The “sign” at Stickney’s tavern was an *Indian*, said to represent “King Philip.” It was presented to the N. H. Historical Society, by the late Mr. John Stickney, and may be seen at the society’s room in Concord.

ministry, the first sleighing each year, to give notice of the rule here introduced, from the pulpit, in these words : "*Persons who drive sleighs will please keep to the right, and let those who are afoot have the middle of the road.*" It is related of Capt. Richard Ayer, who was a powerful and fearless man, six feet or more, that being annoyed by loaded sleighs, from other towns, which would not turn out for people going to meeting, he armed himself with a heavy staff, or club, and followed in the steps of a number of women walking in the middle of the road to meeting. They were met by a loaded sleigh with two horses, and compelled to turn out into the snow. When the horses came up to Capt. Ayer he lifted his club and told the driver to turn out. Not heeding the warning, Capt. Ayer struck one of the horses on his forelegs and brought him down on his knees. "There," said he, "turn out when you meet people on their way to meeting, or I will knock you down." The custom thus became established of giving foot-travelers the middle of the road, and for many years they enjoyed the privilege unmolested.

THE "OXFORD WAR."

In the threatened war with France, during the administration of President John Adams, the people of Concord had another opportunity to evince their patriotism. In the warrant for a town meeting, December 28, 1797, was an article to see "what measures the town will take to raise their quota of the eighty thousand men required by Congress." On this article, *Voted*, "That the men that enlist shall have ten dollars, with what the Congress give; and if called into service to have one month's pay in advance." Also it was *Voted*, "That the selectmen give those persons that enlist a *handsome treat at the expense of the town!*"

According to tradition, a few only from Concord entered the service. A company, however, was formed, composed of men from this and neighboring towns, of which Nathaniel Green, of Boscawen, was Captain; Moses Sweat, of Concord, 1st Lieutenant; Israel W. Kelly,* of Salisbury, 2d Lieutenant; and Benjamin Gale, of Concord, Commissary.

This company had their rendezvous a short time at "Mother

* Hon. Israel W. Kelly is now a resident in East Concord.

Osgood's" tavern. They were to march for *Oxford*, in Massachusetts, and there await orders for further service. Hence, it was called the "Oxford War." Previous to marching, it was found that a pair of saddle-bags, containing valuable jewelry, belonging to a traveler, had been stolen from Mr. Gale's tavern; and that Dr. Thorndike's apothecary shop had been broken open, and ten dollars stolen from that. When the soldiers were paraded, ready to march, Mr. commissary Gale said to Captain Green: "I have reason to believe that some of the soldiers have stolen goods, and request that they may be searched." All laid down their sacks, and the stolen property was found in possession of a soldier from Salisbury. Thus detected, the fellow fell on his knees, with hat in hand, made a humble confession to the Captain, to Dr. Thorndike, Mr. Gale, and to all the soldiers; and humbly begged for mercy! On this, he was permitted to go without punishment.*

Besides this company, however, a company of minute-men was organized, composed of some of the most respectable men of the place. A paper in the hand writing of Judge Walker, subscribed, "A List of Continental Soldiers," contains the following names: John Bradley, Reuben Kimball, William Duncan, Timothy Bradley, Nathaniel Eastman, Joshua Thompson, Philbrook Bradley, Hazen Kimball, Moses Sweat, Jonathan Eastman, Timothy Chandler, Samuel Davis, Thomas Stickney, jr., Daniel Livermore, Chandler Lovejoy, John Weeks, Timothy Carter, Robert Bradley, Abiel Walker, Elijah Russell, John West, John Souther, Richard Ayer, Jacob Carter, Ephraim Carter, Amos Abbott, jr., Richard H. Osgood, Stilson Eastman, Dudley Ladd, Timothy Walker, Thomas Stickney, Joseph Hall, Joshua Abbot, Asa Parker, Timothy Abbott, Samuel Bradley, John Roach, Phinehas Kimball, Ephraim Colby, Asa Herrick.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN 1800.

In the warrant for a town-meeting, March 4th, this year, were articles "to see if the town will choose a committee to district the town into school-districts;" "if the town will raise money to

* Related by Mr. Gale.

build school-houses in said districts ;” and “ will authorize the committee to appraise school-houses already built which may answer for district-houses, and allow each person, being a proprietor, his dividend of the money, according to the shares he owns in said house.” Also, “ to see if the town will choose a number of persons *to pursue thieves* that may hereafter steal any property from any of the inhabitants of the town, and their expense to be at the town cost.” This article does not appear to have been acted on, but the Selectmen were appointed a committee to district the town into school-districts, together “ with one man from each district where there is a school-house.” Jacob Carter, Isaac Dimond, Samuel Davis, Timothy Dow, Enoch Brown, and Joseph Potter, were added.*

A BELL.

March 31st, *Voted*, “ To accept of a bell if one can be obtained by subscription, and cause the same to be rung at such times as the town may think proper.” Also, “ That the selectmen repair the town-house, at the expense of the town, not to exceed ten dollars.” This was done in order to “ make conveniences or accommodations for the General Court in their next session, which is to be held in this town.” About this time a *clock*, constructed by the late Maj. Timothy Chandler, was put up on the south side of the Town Hall, the old *face* of which remaineth to this day.

ENLARGING THE MEETING-HOUSE.

December 31, 1800, Capt. Richard Ayer and others offered to make an addition to the meeting-house, according to a plan exhibited before the town by a committee of which Jacob Abbot, Esq., was chairman, being a semi-circle, projecting thirty feet in front of the house, and divided into seven angles, “ and that the owners of the pews in front of the house below have their choice to remain where they are, or go back to the wall the

* A vote was taken on revising the Constitution of the State. For a revision one hundred and six ; against it, *one*.

Voted, “ That the selectmen vendue the fencing of the burying-ground on the east side of the river, and charge the expense to the town that said fence may be bid off at.”

same distance from the front door; and that the present wall pews be placed on a level with the other body pews:— that the owners of wall pews in the front of the gallery have as good wall pews in the front of the addition.” Capt. Ayer and others gave bonds for the faithful execution of the work, which was completed the following year. At the annual meeting, March 1, 1803, a committee, appointed to inspect the building and finishing the addition to the meeting-house, reported that “it appears to us that the materials made use of for each and every part was suitable and of good quality, and that the work is done in a handsome and workmanlike manner.” Whereupon, *Voted*, “That the meeting-house be accepted, and the undertakers have their bond given up to them by the committee.” This addition made the meeting-house the most spacious and commodious in the State. It would seat eight hundred persons on the floor and about four hundred in the gallery. For many years the congregation that worshipped in it on the Sabbath averaged about seven hundred. One hundred dollars were added to Mr. McFarland’s salary.*

About this time a petition was presented to annex a part of Bow to Concord: whereupon, March 22, 1803, *Voted*, “That the town will oppose the prayer of the petition of the selectmen of Bow, to set off a part of said Bow to this town,— now in the General Court.”

In March, 1804, the town voted, “to purchase one acre of land of David Carter *for a burying-ground*, (near Horse-hill bridge,) and fence the same for that purpose.” Agreeably to a law of the State, the annual town-meeting was fixed *on the second Tuesday in March*. The selectmen were directed “to straiten the road from the meeting-house to Boscawen line.” The old road to Boscawen was exceedingly crooked. The late Mr. Richard Herbert said — “the old road passed up through the valley, south of Mr. Francis N. Fisk’s new house; between the elm tree and corner of Mr. Coffin’s house; run up by Esq. Bradley’s, then north to Woods’ brook. At West-Parish village it run up by Mr. Levi Hutchins’s; thence north-east by where Mr. Alfred

* “Jeremiah Story dissents to this addition.”

Abbot lives; turning again it run through the woods to the Borough, so called, thence to what is now Fisherville — crossing a bridge which stood some distance below where the bridge now is." Some parts of the old road are still visible.*

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND ANECDOTES RELATIVE TO THE PERIOD FROM 1795 TO 1805.

CONCORD BRIDGE.

In January, 1795, in answer to a petition, the Legislature of New-Hampshire granted to Peter Green and others the exclusive right to build and support a bridge over Merrimack river, between Butters's ferry, so called, and Concord south line, and prescribed the rates of toll they should take to reimburse them for the money expended in building and supporting said bridge.†

Pursuant to the provisions of the charter, a meeting was called and held at Mr. Samuel Butters's inn, on the 23d of February, 1795; at which meeting Samuel Green was chosen clerk, who, at an adjourned meeting, held on the 9th day of March, next following, resigned, and Paul Rolfe was chosen. Capt. Reuben Kimball, Maj. Enoch Gerrish and Capt. David Kimball were chosen directors or overseers.‡

* See Town Rec. 1804-5, pp. 287-294.

† See original records and papers of the Proprietors of Concord Bridge, in the hands of Samuel Coffin, Esq.

‡ The stock was divided into one hundred shares, and was subscribed for by the following persons:

SHARES.		SHARES.		SHARES.	
Peter Green,	1	Frederick Foster,	1	John Colby, Jr.,	1
Wm. Partridge,	2	David Kimball,	2	Reuben Kimball,	1
Ebenezer Duston,	2	Daniel Knox,	1	Jona. Proctor,	1
Wm. A. Kent,	2	Asa Robinson,	1	Brown & Sweetser, Chester, 1	
Hazen Kimball, for Henry		George Hough,	1	Daniel Appleton,	2
West, Haverhill, Mass.,	3	John Chandler, Jr.,	1	Moses Gale,	2
Richard Ayer,	1	Isaac Chandler,	2	Edmund Kimball, Jr.,	2
Samuel Green,	1	Wm. Manly,	2	Andrew Peabody,	2
Isaac Dimond,	1	Wilder & Bowers,	2	Israel Evans,	5
William Stickney,	1	Luther Fisk,	1	William Duncan,	2
Samuel Fowler,	1	Ebenezer Peaslee,	1	Nath'l Head,	1
Richard Bartlett,	3	Daniel Livermore,	1	Ebenezer Eastman,	1

The bridge was originally built with a double track ; the piers and abutments were of wood ; the estimated cost was \$10,000, but the actual cost was over \$13,000. It was completed and opened for travel October 29, 1795. The occasion seems to have been one of great interest. A procession was formed, which marched across the bridge in the following order :

1. The building committee.
2. The treasurer and clerk.
3. The Rev. Israel Evans, with Mr. Wood and Mr. Parker, ministers of Boscawen and Canterbury.
4. The proprietors.
5. The workmen, with the master-workmen, [a Mr. Poor,] at their head.
6. The spectators in regular order.

Capt. David Davis was invited by the directors to assist Maj. William Duncan with music, and a guard of four men, and to dine with the proprietors. The dinner was at William Stickney's tavern. "After spending the day in conviviality and mirth, by passing the bridge," &c., the services closed. So saith the records.

FEDERAL BRIDGE.

On the 28th of December, 1795, an act was passed by the Legislature, incorporating Timothy Walker, Benjamin Emery, William Partridge, Jonathan Eastman, Joshua Thompson, and others, their associates, "for the purpose of building a bridge over the river Merrimack, at or near a place called Tucker's Ferry, in Concord." The corporation was known by the name of "Proprietors of Federal Bridge." They were required by the charter to complete the bridge in three years, and to pay the

NAMES OF SHARE-HOLDERS IN CONCORD BRIDGE, CONTINUED.

John Odlin,	1	Leavitt Clough,	1	Timothy Walker,	1
Asa Foster,	2	Paul Rolfe,	2	Simeon G. Hall,	1
Nath'l Rolfe, Jr.,	1	Thomas Stickney and son		Moses Swett,	1
Joseph Gerrish,	1	Thomas,	1	Joseph Hall,	1
Nath'l Green,	1	Benja. Gale,	1	Timothy Bradley,	1
Joseph Clough,	1	John Batchelder,	2	Charles Walker,	1
Timothy Dix, Jr.,	2	Ar. Livermore, of Chester,	2	Samuel White, Esq., Ha-	
Samuel Gerrish,	1	James Duncan, Jr.,	1	verbill, Mass.,	3
Peterson & Stickney,	1	Bailey Bartlett,	1	By Ebenezer Duston,	
Thomas Thompson,	3	Moses Gale, Jr.,	1	Cotton B. Brooks,	2
Levi & Abel Hutchins,	1	Nath'l Thurston,	1	Sam'l White, Esq., Haver-	
Henry Gerrish,	1	Timothy Chandler,	1	hill, Mass.,	1
Somersby Person,	1	Enoch Gerrish,	1	John True, of Hampstead,	1

owner or proprietor of Tucker's Ferry the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars for the right. These conditions were complied with.* The first meeting of the proprietors was held at the house of Ebenezer Eastman, inn-holder, in Concord, January 18, 1796, at which Capt. Benjamin Emery was chosen moderator, and Stephen Ambrose clerk.†

The rates of toll established at first by law, for passing over Federal Bridge were as follows: "For each foot passenger, one cent; for each horse and rider, three cents; for each horse and chaise, chair, sulky, or other riding carriage, drawn by one horse only, ten cents; for each riding sleigh, drawn by one horse, four cents; for each riding sleigh, drawn by more than one horse, six cents; for each coach, chariot, phaeton, or other four-wheeled carriage for passengers, drawn by more than one horse, twenty cents; for each curricule, twelve cents; for each cart or other carriage of burthen, drawn by two* beasts, ten cents, and three cents for every additional beast; for each horse or neat creature,

* Eliphalet Tucker conveyed his right and title to "Tucker's Ferry," to the Proprietors of Federal Bridge, July 18, 1798, in consideration of \$450. See Proprietors' Records and Deed in Register's office, vol. 25, p. 397.

† The stock in the bridge was divided into one hundred shares, which were numbered and owned as follows:

NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.
1. Timothy Walker.	26. Benja. Kimball, jr.	51. Richard Ayer.	76. Philip and Obadiah
2. John West.	27. Charles Walker.	52. Do.	77. Do. [Carrigain
3. Jacob Carter.	28. Ebenezer Sanborn.	53. Do.	78. John Odlin.
4. William Partridge.	29. Jacob Eastman.	54. Do.	79. Do.
5. Do.	30. Nathaniel Marsh.	55. Do.	80. Jacob Emmons.
6. Benjamin Emery.	31. Reuben Kimball.	56. Do.	81. Do.
7. Do.	32. Philbrick Bradley.	57. Do.	82. Nathaniel Eastman.
8. Do.	33. Abiel Eastman.	58. Do.	83. Benjamin Emery.
9. Do.	34. Simeon Eastman.	59. Abiel Walker.	84. David Wait.
10. Jona. Eastman.	35. Aaron Austin.	60. Ebenezer Dustin.	85. Ezra Carter.
11. Do.	36. Nath'l Ambrose.	61. Henry West.	86. Moses Eastman.
12. Do.	37. William Duncan.	62. Jacob Carter.	87. Timothy Bradley.
13. Joshua Thompson.	38. Do.	63. Do.	88. Jeremiah Chandler.
14. Do.	39. Millen Kimball.	64. Benj. Kimball, jr.	89. Jacob Abbot.
15. Philip Carrigain.	40. Samuel Adams.	65. Pearl Kimball.	90. Do.
16. William Manley.	41. John Bradley.	66. Moses Farnum.	91. Timothy Chandler.
17. William A. Kent.	42. Do.	67. Dudley Kimball.	92. Timothy Walker, jr.
18. Obed Hall.	43. John Kimball.	68. Charles Sargent.	93. Do.
19. Robert Bradley.	44. Robert Davis.	69. Enoch Coffin.	94. Benja. Kimball, jr.
20. Asa Kimball.	45. Jeremiah Clough.	70. Do.	95. Do.
21. John Eastman.	46. Phinehas Kimball.	71. Isaac Chandler.	96. Thomas Proctor
22. Eben'r Eastman.	47. Stephen Ambrose.	72. Do.	97. Enoch Wood.
23. Do. [Iain.	48. Thomas Curry.	73. William Virgin, jr.	98. Jeremiah Pecker.
24. Moses Chamber-	49. Richard Ayer.	74. Jona. Blanchard.	99. Richard Herbert, jr.
25. Robert Eastman.	50. Do.	75. Philip & Obadiah	100. Thomas Moor.
		[Carrigain.	

exclusive of those rode on or in carriages, two cents ; for sheep and swine, one half cent each ; and to each team one person shall be allowed as a-driver to pass free of toll." But, by a vote of the proprietors, August 1, 1798, all persons going to or returning from public worship, on Sundays, between the hours of nine o'clock in the morning, and five in the afternoon, were allowed to pass the bridge free from paying toll.*

This bridge was first built above its present location, crossing the river nearly opposite the house of Mr. George W. Moulton, where formerly was the toll-house.

On the 9th of August, 1796, Noah Richardson and a negro man named Pomp Chandler, were drowned near Concord Bridge, as they were attempting to cross the river in a canoe, to their labor.

In the first week of July, 1797, there were severe thunder storms, accompanied with hail, which did much damage to corn, grass, &c., and broke some glass in windows in this town and Canterbury. "The wind whirled furiously many a tree," and "the lightning set Mr. Partridge's barn on fire, which was immediately extinguished."

December 7, 1798, an act was passed by the Legislature, incorporating Timothy Walker, John Bradley, Jonathan Eastman and their associates, by the name of "*The Proprietors of Concord Library*," authorizing them to raise money by subscription, donations, &c., and to hold property for the benefit of the library, to the amount of one thousand dollars. A library of valuable books was collected, which was sustained and proved highly useful, for about twenty-five years.

On Saturday evening, January 20, 1798, about ten o'clock, the inhabitants of this town were alarmed with the cry of *fire! fire!* which broke out in the hatter's shop of Mr. David George, Jr., contiguous to the store of Messrs. P. & O. Carrigain. The anxiety of the citizens, when so much property was exposed, was amazing ; and by their assiduous exertions and regular procedure, together with the assistance of some ladies, they happily

* *August 27.* The town voted, "That the Selectmen purchase of Timothy Walker, Esq., forty and a half rods of land near Federal Bridge, at two shillings per rod ;" and "purchase of William Virgin about twenty-five rods of land, on the east side of the river, near Federal Bridge."

extinguished the destructive element, with little damage to any thing except the building. Let this, fellow-citizens, excite every one to diligence!

Query? Would it not be a good plan for every man to keep a good ladder, and one or two proper fire-buckets always ready?

—*Mirror.*

"The Blazing Star Lodge," in this town, was consecrated in *ample form*, by the Most Worshipful Nathaniel Adams, Grand Master, on Monday, May 6, 1799.

On the 2d of October, 1802, the grist-mill of Ensign Jacob Carter was entirely consumed by fire, together with the carding machine of Mr. Thomas Vesper. The loss is estimated at about \$2000. The fire is supposed to have been caused by over-heating some of the gudgeons.

At this period, (1801–3,) letters were sent to the post-office in Concord for persons residing in Canterbury, Northfield, Henniker, Warner, Hopkinton, Allenstown, New-London, Dunbarton, Rindge, Weare, Pembroke, Loudon, and Bow. Letters remaining in the post-office were advertised in 1801 for persons in Sanbornton, Sutton, Croydon, Newport, and New-Bradford.

LIST OF TOWN OFFICERS,

REPRESENTATIVES, DELEGATES AND JURORS,

FROM 1795 TO 1805.

	March 3, 1795.	March 1, 1796.
<i>Moderator</i> ,	Timothy Walker, Esq.	Judge Walker.
<i>Clerk</i> ,	Caleb Chase.	John Odlin.
<i>Selectmen</i> ,	{ Timothy Walker, Esq., John Bradley, Esq., Henry Martin.	{ Timothy Walker, Esq., John Bradley, Esq., Henry Martin.
<i>Constables</i> ,	{ Eben'r Duston, Capt. Sam'l Davis, Eben'r Eastman.	{ Nath'l Ambrose, John Batchelder, Capt. Samuel Davis.
<i>Tythingman</i> ,	Daniel Rogers.	Col. Peter Green.
<i>Sealer of Leather</i> , . .	Dea. David Hall.	

<i>Sealer of Wts. and Meas.,</i>	Dea. David Hall.	Dea. David Hall.
		Moses Farnum,
		Capt. Joseph Farnum,
		Oliver Hoit,
		Ezra Abbot,
		Jonathan Elliot, Jr.,
		Isaac Dimond,
		Ephraim Carter,
		Levi Abbot,
<i>Surveyors of Highways,</i>	Jacob Eastman,	Ebenezer Duston,
	Chandler Lovejoy,	Col. Thomas Stickney,
	Lt. Moses Eastman,	Maj. Daniel Livermore,
	Ens. Jona. Virgin,	Chandler Lovejoy,
	Lt. Benja. Farnum,	Ens. Jonathan Virgin,
	Daniel Abbot,	John Hoit,
	Stephen Farnum,	Ebenezer Eastman,
	Abel Baker,	Lt. Joshua Thompson,
	Ens. Joseph Runnels,	Capt. Reuben Kimball,
	William Coffin,	Abiel Walker, Nov. 7.
	Col. Thomas Stickney,	
	John Colby, Jr.,	Stephen Tuttle,
	Lt. Asa Herrick,	William Partridge.
	William Fifield.	
<i>Fence-viewers,</i>	William Partridge,	
	Capt. Sam'l Davis,	
	Lt. Moses Eastman,	
	John Roach,	Dudley Ladd,
	Lt. Nath'l Eastman,	Abiel Walker,
<i>Hogreeves,</i>	James Johnson,	James Hosmore.
	Daniel Powel,	
	Capt. David Davis.	
	Stephen Ambrose,	Abiel Virgin,
	Jacob Carter,	John Colby, Jr.,
<i>Surveyors of Lumber,</i>	Abel Baker,	Jno. Blanchard,
	Dea. John Kimball,	Stephen Tuttle.
	John Hoit,	
	John Colby, Jr.	
<i>Pound-keeper,</i>		David George, Esq.,
		Ebenezer Eastman.
<i>Representative,</i>	Maj. Daniel Livermore.	John Bradley, Esq.
<i>Grand Juror,</i>		John Batchelder,
		June 25.
<i>Corder of Wood,</i>	Charles Eastman.	
<i>Collectors,</i>	Hanes Farnum,	Timothy Bradley,
	John Batchelder,	Nath'l Ambrose,
	Eben'r Eastman.	John Shute, Jr.
<i>Cullers of Staves,</i>	Henry Moulton,	James Moulton.
	Jonathan Runnels.	
	March 7, 1797.	March 6, 1798.
<i>Moderator,</i>	Timothy Walker, Esq.	Timothy Walker, Esq.
<i>Clerk,</i>	John Odlin.	John Odlin.
	John Odlin,	John Odlin,
<i>Selectmen,</i>	Richard Ayer,	Richard Ayer,
	John Eastman.	John Eastman.
	Jeremiah Virgin,	Capt. Samuel Davis,
<i>Constables,</i>	John Batchelder,	Hanes Farnum,
	Robert Bradley,	Jeremiah Virgin.
	Ebenezer Virgin, Jr.,	Daniel Rogers,
<i>Tythingmen,</i>	John Roach,	Caleb Buswell,
	Daniel Rogers.	Wm. Fifield, Aug. 27.
<i>Sealer of Leather,</i>		David Hall.
<i>Sealer of Wts. and Meas.,</i>	Dea. David Hall.	David Hall.
<i>Fence-viewers,</i>	William Partridge,	Benja. Powel,
	William Duncan.	Daniel Gale,
		Robert Eastman.

	Jeremiah Virgin,	John Colby,
	Ens. Nath'l Eastman, . . .	Timothy Chandler,
	Lt. Joshua Thompson, . . .	John West,
	Ens. Jonathan Virgin, . . .	Amos Abbot, Jr.,
	Samuel Butters,	Josiah Farnum,
	Ens. Thomas Stickney, . . .	Jonathan Elliot, Jr.,
	Abiel Walker,	Asa Herrick,
<i>Surveyors of Highways,</i>	Jabez Abbot,	Reuben Abbot, Jr.,
	Ezra Abbot,	Jonathan Johnson,
	Henry Martin,	Daniel Stickney,
	Timothy Dow,	Stilson Eastman,
	Abel Baker,	Timothy Bradley,
	Abner Dimond,	Jeremiah Wheeler,
	Ephraim Carter,	Joshua Thompson.
	Ebenezer Sanborn,	
	Moses Carter.	
<i>Field-drivers,</i>	John Roach,	Daniel Virgin.
	Robert Eastman.	
	James Moulton,	Ebenezer Dustin,
	Maj. Wm. Duncan,	David Davis,
	Daniel Virgin,	Abiel Eastman,
<i>Hogreeves,</i>	Capt. David Davis,	Wm. Partridge,
	Stephen Hall,	Moody Dow,
	William Eastman,	Robert Knowlton,
	Isaac Dow,	Wm. Fifield,
	Daniel Page,	Asa Graham.
	Maj. Daniel Livermore, . . .	Abiel Virgin,
	John Colby, Jr.,	Jacob Carter,
<i>Surveyors of Lumber, . .</i>	Abiel Virgin,	John Currier, Jr.,
	Isaac Dimond,	Enoch Brown,
	Stephen Tuttle,	Chandler Lovejoy.
	Enoch Brown.	
<i>Pound-keepers,</i>	David George,	David George,
	Chs. Eastman,	Charles Eastman.
<i>Representative,</i>	William A. Kent,	Jacob Abbot, Esq.
<i>Grand Jurors,</i>	Capt. Sam'l Davis,	Chandler Lovejoy.
	Maj. Sam'l Livermore, . . .	
<i>Petit Jurors,</i>	Dea. Joseph Hall,	Isaac Dimond,
	Capt. Jona. Eastman,	Jona. Runnels.
<i>Corders of Wood, . . .</i>	Thomas Wilson,	Thomas Wilson,
		Jacob Abbot.
<i>Collectors,</i>	Robert Bradley,	Capt. Sam'l Davis,
	Jeremiah Virgin,	Hanes Farnum,
	John Batchelder,	Jeremiah Virgin.
<i>Culler of Staves, . . .</i>	James Moulton,	James Stevens.
	March 5, 1799.	March 4, 1800.
<i>Moderator,</i>	Timothy Walker, Esq.	Jacob Abbot, Esq.
<i>Clerk,</i>	John Odlin,	John Odlin.
<i>Selectmen,</i>	Timothy Walker,	John Odlin,
	John Odlin,	Jonathan Wilkins,
	Henry Martin,	Henry Martin.
<i>Constables,</i>	John Shute, Jr.,	Ephraim Carter,*
	Timothy Carter,	John Shute, Jr.,
	Jeremiah Virgin,	Joseph Cleasby, Jr.,
		Jeremiah Virgin.
<i>Tythingmen,</i>	Henry Martin,	Ebenezer Sanborn,
	Daniel Rogers,	Jacob Abbot, Esq.,
	Isaac Dimond,	Maj. Timo. Chandler.
	Jeremiah Wheeler.	

* Excused.

<i>Sealer of Leather,</i>	David Hall.	David Hall.
<i>Sealer of Wts. and Meas.,</i>	David Hall.	David Hall.
	Samuel Butters,	Jonathan Wilkins,
	Timothy Chandler,	Capt. Richard Ayer,
	David Davis,	Richard Herbert, Jr.,
	Nathan Abbot,	Levi Abbot,
	Ezra Abbot, Jr.,	Stephen Hall,
	Samuel Davis,	Isaac Dimond,
	Enoch Parker,	Nathan Abbot, 3d,
<i>Surveyors of Highways,</i>	Daniel Stickney,	Samuel Davis,
	Asa Herrick,	Timothy Walker, Jr.,
	Enoch Brown,	Stephen Farnum,
	Jeremiah Pecker,	William Eastman,
	Jonathan Ambrose,	Barnard Elliot,
	Anthony Potter,	Jeremiah Virgin,
	Asa Graham,	Jonathan Ambrose,
	Ballard Hazeltine.	Mellen Kimball,
		Moses Gale.
<i>Fence-viewers,</i>	Richard Ayer.	Richard Herbert, Jr.,
		John Batchelder,
		Abiel Eastman.
<i>Field-drivers,</i>	Benjamin Powel,	Paul Rolfe,
	Charles Eastman.	John Eastman.
	Abiel Virgin,	Richard Hazeltine,
	Elijah Virgin,	Jonathan Eastman,
<i>Hogreeves,</i>	Moses Gale,	Abel Baker,
	Timothy Chandler,	Moses Gile,
	David Davis,	William Fifield,
	John Shute, Jr.	James Moulton.
	John Lovejoy,	John Currier, Jr.,
	Ebenezer Sanborn,	John Kimball,
<i>Surveyors of Lumber,</i>	John Currier, Jr.,	Jacob Eastman,
	John Kimball,	Jacob Carter,
	Jacob Carter.	Abel Baker,
		Chandler Lovejoy.
<i>Pound-keepers,</i>	David George,	David George,
	Charles Eastman.	Charles Eastman.
<i>Representative,</i>	Jacob Abbot, Esq.	Jacob Abbot, Esq.
<i>Grand Juror,</i>	Capt. Samuel Davis, Jan. 31st.	
<i>Petit Jurors,</i>	Nathaniel Abbot, Jr.,	
	Ephraim Carter.	David George,
<i>Wood-corders,</i>	Jacob Abbot, Jr.,	Stephen Ambrose,
	Stephen Ambrose.	John Thorndike.
<i>Hay-ward,</i>		John West.
	John Shute, Jr.,	Ephraim Carter,*
<i>Collectors,</i>	Timothy Carter,	Joseph Cleasby, Jr.,
	Jeremiah Virgin.	Jeremiah Virgin.
<i>Cullers of Staves,</i>	James Moulton,	Stephen Tuttle,
	Stephen Tuttle.	Henry Moulton.
	Jacob Abbot,	Capt. Benja. Emery,
<i>Auditors of Accounts,</i>	Ens. Jonathan Wilkins,	Charles Walker, Esq.,
	Charles Walker.	Capt. Richard Ayer.
<i>Inspector of Bread,</i>		Benjamin Emery.
	March 3, 1801.	March 2, 1802.
<i>Moderator,</i>	Jonathan Wilkins.	Timothy Walker, Esq.
<i>Clerk,</i>	John Odlin.	John Odlin.
	Jonathan Wilkins,	Timothy Walker,
<i>Selectmen,</i>	John West,	John West,
	Stephen Ambrose.	Stephen Ambrose.

* Excused.

<i>Constables,</i>	{ Eliphalet Emery,	Joseph Dow,
	{ Richard Hazen Ayer,	Jeremiah Virgin,
	{ Aaron Austin,	Ebenezer Dustin.
<i>Tythingmen,</i>	{ Jacob Abbot,*	John Bradley,
	{ Capt. Enoch Coffin,	Nathan Ballard, Jr.
	{ Richard Hazeltine,	
	{ Philbrick Bradley,	
<i>Sealer of Leather,</i>	Dea. David Hall,	David Hall.
<i>Sealer of Wts. and Meas.,</i>	Dea. David Hall,	David Hall.
<i>Surveyors of Highways,</i>	{ Jeremiah Story,	{ Eliphalet Emery,
	{ Capt. Richard Ayer,	{ Abel Hutchins,
	{ Richard Herbert, Jr.,	{ Samuel Butters, Jr.,
	{ Benjamin Farnum,	{ Edmund Leavitt,
	{ Moody Dow,	{ Nathaniel Ambrose,
	{ Daniel Abbot,	{ Asa Graham,
	{ Jonathan Elliot, Jr.,	{ Ebenezer Tenney,
	{ Joseph Cleasby, Jr.,	{ Moses Farnum,
	{ Joseph Runnels,	{ Abel Baker,
	{ Israel Dimond,	{ James Johnson,
	{ Jacob Eastman,	{ Asa Herrick,
	{ Abiel Eastman,	{ Ezra Abbot, Jr.,
	{ Philbrick Bradley,	{ Samuel Davis,
<i>Fence-viewers,</i>	{ John Hoit, Jr.,	{ Aquilla Ferrin,
	{ Abiel Eastman,	{ Samuel Bradley.
	{ Samuel Davis,	{ Paul Rolfe,
<i>Field-drivers,</i>	{ Zenas Wheeler,	{ Richard Ayer.
		{ Reuben Goodwin,
		{ Joseph Giles.
<i>Hogreeves,</i>	{ Benjamin Gale,	{ Jeremiah Pecker,
	{ David Davis,	{ William Tay,
	{ Timothy Chandler,	{ Eliphalet Emery,
	{ Dyer Abbot,	{ John Roach,
	{ Murray Bradley,	{ William A. Kent,
	{ Joseph Swan,	{ Calvin How,
	{ Simon Virgin,	{ David Hutchins,
	{ James Moulton,	{ Richard Elliot,
	{ Abel Baker,	{ Israel Dimond.
	{ Jacob Hoit, Moses Gile.	
<i>Surveyors of Lumber,</i>	{ John Currier, Jr.,	{ Samuel Gains,
	{ Jacob Eastman,	{ Samuel Davis,
	{ Moody Dow,	{ Jacob Eastman,
	{ John Shute, Jr.,	{ Chandler Lovejoy,
	{ Abel Baker,	{ John Kimball,
	{ John Kimball,	{ Abel Baker,
<i>Pound-keepers,</i>	{ Jacob Hoit,	{ Abiel Virgin,
	{ Benjamin Hanniford,	{ Charles Eastman,
	{ Charles Eastman,	{ David George, Jr.,
<i>Representative,</i>	{ William Austin Kent,	{ John Bradley, Esq.
	{ Richard H. Ayer,	{ Sherburne Wiggin.
<i>Grand Jurors,</i>	{ Capt. Samuel Davis,	
	{ Paul Rolfe,	
	{ John Shute, Jr.,	{ Jonathan Wilkins,
<i>Petit Jurors,</i>	{ Samuel Davis,	{ Isaac Emery.
	{ John George, Jr.,	{ David George, Jr.,
	{ Edmund Leavitt,	{ John Thorndike,
<i>Corders of Wood,</i>	{ John Thorndike,	{ Edmund Leavitt.
	{ John West,	{ John West.
<i>Hay-ward,</i>	{ Eliphalet Emery,	{ Joseph Dow,
	{ Richard H. Ayer,	{ Jesse R. Tuttle,†
	{ Aaron Austin,	{ Jeremiah Virgin.

* Excused. † Excused, and in his place, Ebenezer Duston.

<i>Cullers of Staves,</i>	{ James Moulton, Henry Moulton. Nathan Ballard, John Silver.
<i>Auditors,</i>	{ Capt. Richard Ayer, . . . John Roach, Col. Timothy Walker, . . Richard Ayer, Maj. Timothy Chandler. . Col. Timo. Chandler.
<i>Inspector of Bread,</i>	Timothy Chandler.
	March 1, 1803. March 6, 1804.
<i>Moderator,</i>	Jonathan Wilkins, Esq. . . Jonathan Wilkins.
<i>Clerk,</i>	John Odlin. John Odlin.
<i>Selectmen,</i>	{ Jona. Wilkins, Jona. Wilkins, John West, John West, Stephen Ambrose. . . . Amos Abbot, Jr.
<i>Constables and Collect'rs,</i>	{ Richard Herbert, Jr., . . Timothy Bradley,* Sherburne Wiggins, . . Timothy Carter, Jeremiah Virgin, . . John Hoit.
<i>Tythingmen,</i>	{ Stephen Ambrose, . . Benja. Kimball, John West, Levi Abbot.
<i>Sealer of Leather,</i>	David Hall. David Hall.
<i>Sealer of Wts. and Meas.,</i>	David Hall. David Hall.
	Eliphalet Emery, . . . Isaac Shute, Abel Hutchins, . . . Abel Hutchins, Paul Rolfe, John West, James Corlis, Isaac Dow, Zenas Wheeler, . . . David Elliot, Israel Dimond, . . . Timothy Dow, Richard Flanders, . . Ephraim Carter, Enoch Farnum, . . . Reuben Dimond, Isaac Farnum, . . . Christopher Rowell, Jr., Samuel Runnels, . . Israel Dimond, Jedediah Hoit, . . . Levi Abbot, Amos Abbot, Jr., . . Pearl Kimball, Phinehas Virgin, Jr., . Reuben Goodwin, Jona. Ambrose, . . . Jonathan Virgin, Jacob Hoit, Joseph Potter, Asa Kimball, Jr. . . Daniel Kendall.
<i>Fence-viewers,</i>	{ Samuel Butters, . . . Paul Rolfe, Richard Ayer, Peter Farnum, Nath'l Ambrose, . . . Jona. Eastman.
	Jacob Emmons, . . . Jere'h Pecker, Eben'r Duston, . . . Moody Dow, Charles Emery, . . . Nathan Abbot, 4th, Daniel Virgin, . . . Sherburne Wiggins, Isaac Dow, John Batchelder, James Moulton, . . . Isaac Dimond, Jere'h Wheeler, . . . Reuben Goodwin.
	Moody Dow, Daniel Kendall.
<i>Surveyors of Lumber,</i>	{ Samuel Gains, Samuel Gains, Abiel Virgin, Abel Virgin, Abel Baker, George Rogers, John Kimball, Abel Baker, Benja. Powell, Jacob Eastman, John Hoit, Jr., . . . Asa Graham, Jacob Eastman. . . . Moody Dow, Samuel Bradley.
<i>Pound-keepers,</i>	{ David George, Jr., . . David George, Jr., Charles Eastman. . . Charles Eastman.
<i>Representative,</i>	William A. Kent. . . . Wm. A. Kent.

* Excused. Richard H. Ayer in place of.

<i>Grand Jurors,</i> . . .	Eben'r Duston, Jan. 8. . .	Eben. Duston, Jan. 20.
<i>Petit Jurors,</i> . . .	{ Nath'l Eastman, . . .	John Colby,
	{ Isaac Dimond.	John Eastman.
	{ John Stevens,	Charles Emery,
<i>Corders of Wood,</i> . .	{ James Willey,	James Willey,
	{ David George, Jr.,	Edmund Leavitt,
	{ Edmund Leavitt.	John Stevens.
<i>Hay-ward,</i>	{ Nath'l Abott, Jr.	Sherburne Wiggin.
	{ James Moulton,	James Moulton,
<i>Cullers of Staves,</i> . .	{ Nathan Ballard,	Richard Wood,
	{ Samuel Butters.	Joseph Runnels.
	{ Timothy Walker, Esq., . .	Richard Ayer,
<i>Auditors of Accounts,</i> .	{ Eben'r Duston,	Timothy Walker,
	{ John Batchelder.	Benja. Emery.
<i>Inspector of Hoops,</i> .	James Moulton.	